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COMBAT SERVICE FOR NISEI

Stimson Authorizes Formation of Separate Battle Unit; Initial Induction Voluntary

In an abrupt change of policy the War department announced through the WRA the inception of voluntary enlistment of nisei to form a combat unit to serve in an active theatre of war.

At a press conference in his office Thursday morning Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson issued the following press release:

"The War department announced today that plans have been completed for the admission of a substantial number of American citizens of Japanese ancestry to the army of the United States.

"This action was taken following study by the War department of many earnest requests by loyal American citizens of Japanese extraction for the organization of a special unit of the army in which they could have their share in the fight against the nation's enemies.

MYER DECLARES WRA TO AID ARMY INDUCTION

"I find deep satisfaction in the announcement made today by the Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson," wrote Dillon S. Myer, director of WRA, in a message to Ray D. Johnston, Project director.

"This announcement makes Jan. 28, 1943, the most significant date of the last ten months for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States."

Myer continued, "Many have told me, in conversations and letters, of their desire for active service in the armed forces of this country. For many months I have been looking forward with them to the time when their desire might be realized.

"All facilities of the War Relocation Authority, both at the relocation centers and in Washington, will immediately be placed at the disposal of the war department to speed the formation of the combat team announced by Mr. Stimson."

CO-OP CHIEF TO ARRIVE

C. Samuel Sahlman, who will take over the duties as the director of Community Enterprises, is expected to arrive in Rohwer Monday.

Sahlman has an extensive knowledge of cooperatives, having been associated for a number of years with a large co-op in Minnesota, according to the administration.

LUMBERJACKS TO RECEIVE PAY

Agricultural workers (lumberjacks) will receive payment of December wages in PS hall 8 as follows:

Today, 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon, last names with initials A to K inclusive; 1:45 to 5 p.m., M to R inclusive; and Monday, 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon, S to Y inclusive.

CENTER FOR INTERNEES FAMILIES NEARS COMPLETION

With the purpose of reuniting families with members in internment camps, a special camp to house approximately two thousand, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice, is now being built in Crystal City, Texas, according to a recent letter from the WRA to the administration.

Dr. J. B. Hunter, chief of Community Services, released the following information, stating that the WRA is making no promises

as to what the internment camp will be like, but giving its understanding of the statement from the Department of Justice:

Before persons are permitted to enter the internment camp, they will probably be required to sign a statement with the understanding that they will be subject to camp discipline, and that they are to remain there for the duration.

Mail will be censored; all visits to the camp will (Continued on page 2)

WINNERS OF GO TOURNEY NAMED; 300 PARTICIPATE

Out of 300 participants in the four-day Go tournament which ended Monday, Disuke Koike came through as the winner of the grand prize, an attractive bedspread.

The second prize, a coffee percolator, was captured by Eizo Tokunaga, and the third prize, a military brush and comb set, by Keizo Shiozaki.

Yorishige Matsubara, Takeshi Kikuchi and Masaichi Dote were winners of the fourth, fifth and sixth prizes. Fifteen others received honorable mention awards.

According to Tokunaga, who took charge of the tournament, the Rohwer Go club open to both beginners and experienced players will be organized soon. The next all-Contor Go meet, the Spring tournament, will take place in March.

TWO RESIDENTS

DEPART FOR OUTSIDE

George Yasukochi, 24, will leave Tuesday for Fort Lupton, Colo., to join his family.

Yasukochi (29-6-C) is from Norwalk, Calif.

Shiro F. Shiraga, 19, formerly of Gardena, left Thursday for the University of Washington, St. Louis, Mo., to major in engineering.

GUESTS

CIVILIANS:

Harry Kiyomura, Chicago, Ill.

TRANSFER:

Kunito Yoshioka, Philadelphia, Penn.

Induction of Nisei May Open Way into Various War Industries

(Continued from page 1) procedure in the formation of the unit authorized by the secretary will be voluntary induction. Facilities for this will be nation-wide, including the Hawaiian Islands and the war relocation centers in this country. No individual will be inducted if doubt exists as to his loyalty.

"Upon induction the 'nisei' as American-born citizens of Japanese parentage are termed, will begin training as a combat team for service in an active theater. This combat team will include the customary elements of infantry, artillery, engineer, and medical personnel. No effort will be spared in developing it into an of-

SCHOOLS NEED INSTRUCTORS

An urgent call was made by Dr. Mildred Silver, supervisor of student teachers, for vacuous teachers with special training or college degrees in the following subjects:

Mathematics, home economics, physical education, shop, art, music and other high school subjects.

Applications are being taken in 31-1-D.

DR. HUNTER'S

SECRETARY TO LEAVE

Esther Ogasawara, secretary to Dr. J. B. Hunter, will leave Monday to accept a secretarial post in St. Louis, Mo.

Margaret Kennedy arrived in this Center to take over Miss Ogasawara's duties.

Miss Kennedy is the daughter of the Rev. Paul D. Kennedy, pastor at Little Rock.

ficit well-rounded, hard-hitting unit.

"The now unit will be trained separately from the battalion of Americans of Japanese extraction--originally a Hawaiian national guard organization--which is already a component of the army.

"The War department's action, it was announced, is part of a larger program which will enable all loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry to make their proper contribution toward winning the war--through employment in war production as well as military service."

Full particulars as to the procedure of induction will be released at a later date.

GIRL SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Margaret Lantiss, field worker for the Social Science Research council, will speak on the American Eskimos when the girl scouts of Troop 22 meet today at 9:30 a.m. in 27-1-B.

Miss Lantiss, who also spoke yesterday before the Student Christian association, arrived here last week and will stay for about two months to gather information on the problems of resettlement. She will hold informal interviews with Center residents experienced in farming.

A former instructor at the University of California, she has visited different types of farm resettlement projects.

SEWING CLASSES

CHANGE LOCALE

Beginning Monday, the weaving classes will be held in Mess hall 42 instead of PS hall 20, reported the arts and crafts section.

Yesterday, locale of the sewing classes was changed from Mess hall 42 to the following places: 35-4-A, under instructor Mrs. Enryo Unno, and 31-2-F, under instructor Mrs. Sadako Yasui.

Strict Supervision For Texas Center

(Continued from page 1) be under strict supervision; and furloughs or leaves from the camp will not be allowed.

It is unlikely that personal assets will be frozen under the Treasury Department regulations, but all funds, however, will probably be deposited with the camp fiscal officer, who will handle all financial transactions.

Citizens will remain citizens, with no abridgement of their legal rights. No one will be forcibly expatriated or repatriated.

Living accommodations, laundries, hospitals and schools will be provided. The facilities for school have not yet been built and it is unlikely that the schools will be constructed in time to accommodate the initial group.

ADDRESS OF EXPRESS ITEMS

"I want to ask the residents of the Center to address all express merchandise to Rohwer, Ark.," stated C. V. Updegraff, chief of Transportation and Supply.

"We have been hauling the improperly addressed express 30 miles by truck daily. This service was free, but with the present tire and gasoline situation we will be forced to add a charge in the future. In ordering express merchandise, be sure to specify Rohwer, Ark., and not McGehee or Relocation, Ark."

WRA CLARIFIES CO-OP PROBLEM

Clarifying a misunderstanding concerning clothing allowances of the co-op employees' dependents, the WRA has notified the project directors that all the relocation center cooperative enterprises will not be required to pay the clothing allowances of the employee's dependents, according to Hideo Muto, temporary chairman of the co-op congress.

The WRA has adopted the interpretation of Administrative Instructions 26, which requires the cooperatives to pay only the clothing allowance of the employee, Muto said.

Delegates of the Temporary Co-op Congress held their last meeting yesterday. Permanent delegates from each block are to be elected soon.

Movie Houses Reduced to Three; New Films Scheduled to Show Monday

Beginning Monday, pictures will be shown at PS halls 5, 10 and 33 only, announced the movie management.

As PS hall 33 is temporary, a permanent location will be selected soon.

Tickets will be sold at the doors from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Movies will start at 7:30 p.m.

Pictures scheduled for Monday are "Room Service," starring the Marx Bros., PS hall 5; "Hellzapoppin'," featuring the Olsen and Johnson team, and Martha

COLORED BUTTONS TO IDENTIFY WORKERS

Work buttons have been distributed to all the section and division heads and will be given to each worker as soon as possible, according to Kenneth E. Cole, construction engineer.

The various colors represent different divisions; the numbers are the worker's ID number. The appointed personnel of a specific division will wear the color of that division with their names in large type.

OUTSIDE JOBS AVAILABLE

Several job openings for domestic work have come in recently from St. Louis, Mo.

A general maid, a children's nurse and a couple, the man to do all-round work and the woman to cook, are needed.

Applicants are to see Herschel Abbott at ad building 2.

YOUNG MEN'S SERVICE GROUP

All young men in the Center are expected to meet Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., in Mess hall 20 to organize the Rohwer Young Men's association.

Working as the nucleus of the community, this all-Center group will strive to establish harmonious and wholesome living for all Rohwer residents. They will take part in mental, moral and physical activities to combat mental laxity.

Practical training in cooperation and mutual understanding will be shared by all.

The button will serve as a means of identification. Workers from one division laboring with another group may be readily noticed.

Everyone must wear his button to work. Persons will be considered absent without them.

The buttons will be turned in to the division head when transferring from one job to another. The ID number will accompany the termination notice to the placement office. The number will follow the placement notice to the new job. The worker will then receive a new button with the old ID number.

Plans are being worked out whereby evacuees will be able to receive their pay with work buttons as the means of identification.

INCOME TAX RETURN FORMS

Individual income tax return forms 1040 and 1040-A have been received by the legal office, announced Jack S. Curtis, Project attorney, adding that a tax accountant will arrive Monday to assist residents in filing their returns.

However, Curtis said that anyone may come to the office at any time to file his returns or to ask for information.

Farmers must file their returns on a different form, 1040-F, which is expected soon.

All returns must be in the office of the Internal Revenue Collector by March 15. Those whose books are on a fiscal basis must file within 75 days following the close of the fiscal year.

State income tax returns must be filed with the franchise tax commissioner on or before the 15th day of the fourth month of the calendar or fiscal year.

Raye, PS hall 10; and "Keep 'Em Flying," co-starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, PS hall 33.

The films will be shown at the 3 theatres for 4-night runs, with a complete new set of pictures scheduled for every other Monday. There will be no further Sunday showings.

Now showing at PS hall 3 is "In the Navy," starring the comedy team, Abbott and Costello, which replaces "Between Us Girls."

CLUB NOTES

With dancing as the main event on the calendar, the Block 28 Diamond Heads will play host to Block 4 We'Uns, Block 12 club and the Deshian 13's tonight, at 8 o'clock, in Mess hall 28.

Officers of the We'Uns were recently elected.

They are Frank Kawagoe, president; Henry Furushima and Terry Akutagawa, boys' and girls' vice presidents; Mary Furushima, secretary; Freddie Tanaka, treasurer; Tak Kawagoe, boys' athletic manager; and Kiyoko Akutagawa and Akiyo Tanikawa, girls' athletic managers.

Francis Mangham, senior administrative officer, spoke on the "Friendship of Youth" to members of the Rohwer Daichi recently.

This was the first in the series of talks and discussions planned.

Cabinet members of the Royal Spartans were formally installed by Ira Holland of the physical education department recently with the Las Amigas as guests.

The officers are Nob Morimoto, president; Joe Mizufuka, vice president; Sam Fukushima, secretary-treasurer; Seiohi Sugino, quartermaster; and Peter Ogawa and Tsugi Okumura, song leaders.

The Royal Dukes recently elected their cabinet.

Officers are Tad Isomoto, president; Kazumi Tsujimoto, vice president; Kango Kunitsuga, corresponding secretary; Jim Shirahama, recording secretary; George Asawa, treasurer; Seiji Isomoto, athletic manager; Yuk Kimura, publicity chairman; Isao Renuma, social chairman; Jerry Kusimoto, Akira Miyama and Yosh Kono, sergeants-at-arms.

YBA TO CONDUCT PANEL DISCUSSION

Dr. H. S. Unno will be the speaker at the YBA service.

Masao Nakai, who will be the chairman, announced that a panel discussion will be held after the service.

MISSIONARY TELLS OF INTERMENT IN TOKYO

Dr. W. Maxfield Garrett, native Arkansan who was stationed at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Tokio, spoke Sunday at the YP fellowship hour of his experiences in a Japanese internment camp outside of Tokio.

"I gained ten pounds during the internment period and have no complaint about the way I was treated.

We were either provided with necessities or allowed to provide them for ourselves," Dr. Garrett said, recalling the six months' internment as one of "fun, fellowship and good times."

"Shortages were beginning to be evident in Japan, and rationing of some items such as fish, sugar and many special foods were already in progress," he added.

Since his arrival in America last August, Dr. Garrett has been speaking before various churches and schools under the auspices of the Baptist Board of Missions.

Thanks

To our many friends, may we extend our heartfelt gratitude for their condolences during our recent bereavement.

Koharu Imada
and family

"Y" SECRETARY TO VISIT CENTER

Jimmie Woodward, regional student secretary of the YWCA, St. Louis, Mo., will visit the Center Wednesday through Friday to follow up the YMCA work begun at the first of this month.

She will hold conferences with various "Y" groups and committees and the Student Christian association.

COLLEGE STUDENTS GATHER FOR PARTY

Over 70 college students gathered for a "get-together" party sponsored by the Student Christian association last week in Mess hall 7.

Highlights of the social were singspiration led by Ira Holland, games by Masamori Kojima and folk dancing by Margaret Sorenson. Dr. Nat R. Griswold was a special guest.

Dancing concluded the evening.

YWCA TO SPONSOR GIRL RESERVES

Girl Reserves clubs will be organized when all girls of high school age and those interested in the "Y" movement meet today at 2 p.m. in PS hall 28.

Singspiration, games and dancing will highlight the meeting which was postponed from Wednesday because of cold weather, according to clubs and organizations section.

HUNTER TO SPEAK AT LITTLE ROCK

Dr. J. B. Hunter, chief of Community Services, spoke Monday and Tuesday in Little Rock on the "background of the relocation to Rohwer" and the plans of the WRA to resettle as many residents as soon as possible to the outside.

Sunday Church Services

CHRISTIAN

Sunday school (11 years and under)	9:00 a.m.	Mess halls 15, 10, 27
Sunday school (12 years to college age)	9:00 a.m.	Mess hall 28
Sunday school (adults)	9:00 a.m.	PS hall 12
English service	10:15 a.m.	PS hall 12
Japanese service	2:00 p.m.	PS hall 12
YP fellowship hour	7:15 p.m.	PS hall 12
BUDDHIST		
Sunday school	9:00 a.m.	PS hall 28
YBA service	10:00 a.m.	PS hall 28
Japanese service	2:00 p.m.	PS hall 28
Special service	7:30 p.m.	PS hall 28

KEEPING POSTED



With F.K.O.

Delving into the Center's basketball situation, we have dug out the following bit of pertinent information which should prove of interest to the local cage enthusiasts.

The fact that a formation of a casaba loop is gaining momentum now doesn't mean that the athletic dep't. has been neglecting their duties in the past.

Many obstacles had to be overcome and are still being faced in regard to improvement of athletics in the Center. Basketball especially was rather slow in getting started due to the fact that requisitioned lumber and other materials necessary to build backboards were not received.

Also, one dozen basketballs were requisitioned by the athletic dep't. of which none has arrived as yet.

These situations and countless others, coupled with Arkansas' variable weather condition, have been big headaches in the advancement of an athletic program in the Center.

So we hope that the local athletes will have patience, while "Pop" Suzuki and his cohorts are doing their best to alleviate these situations as much as possible.

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In regard to organization of leagues in any particular sport, the athletic dep't. is following the policy set by the War Relocation Authority. The headquarters in Washington announced through the local community activities section that CA is to assist the Centerites in the development of community activity programs and not to initiate any from the department.

In order to follow this program, CA has created an agent dep't. and has named its personnel in previous issues. These agents are now in a position to receive various requests from the people and transmit them to the various dep'ts.

YBA TO HOLD CAGE TOURNEY

Rohwer YBA Men's and Girls' basketball tournament under the auspices of the Center Bussei will be slated for Feb. 7 at 1:30 p.m.

The cagefest is strictly limited to YBA members. Groups wishing to form hoop squads were requested to contact Ben Chikaraishi and Barbara Inamasu for men's and girls' divisions, respectively.

Thus far quintets which have submitted their intentions of entering the tourney are Southern California, Lodi, Stockton and a Bussei five under 18.

WEIGHTLIFTING EXHIBITION

A weightlifting exhibition will be held at the high school field on Feb. 7, from 2 p.m.

The weightlifting instructor is Shig Shiroishi.



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YBA Ping Pong Tourney Today

A Rohwer YBA ping pong tournament is on tap for paddle enthusiasts today from 1:30 p.m. at PS hall 41.

In sponsoring the matches, the YBA specified that the tourney is open only to Bussei. All those interested in entering teams are asked to see either Ben Chikaraishi or Barbara Inamasu at 42-5-F. Teams must be composed of five persons, but may be all boys, all girls or mixed.

An entry fee of 25 cents per team will be charged.

PREP IN FREE THROW TILT

Inter-center prep boys' free throw contest is being sponsored by the Heart Mountain high school, according to an article in the Rohwer High School Hi-Lites.

Ten best participants after elimination will form a roster to compete in the Inter-Relocation league. Each player will receive 25 gratis tosses and the results will be mailed to Heart Mountain.

Plaques will be awarded to the school and the individual with the highest scoring record.

NISEI CANINE FANCIER

HEART MOUNTAIN — The 1943 state-wide field trials for pointers and setters sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Field Trial association has come to pass, but Henry Chic Kawahara, dog-lover, was not there to view it, says the Heart Mountain Sentinel.

His dog, Susie of Amortal, however, was on hand to bid for honors. How the dog fared is not known, but Susie of Amortal was the 1942 winner of the puppy class in a county-wide trial. Great things are expected of the German short-haired pointer.

Judy of Amortal, the mother of Susie, is the most famous of Chic's many dogs. In the first annual San Jose Kennel Club Dog show in 1941 she walked off with first prize in the best of breed class. In the same year in San Francisco's

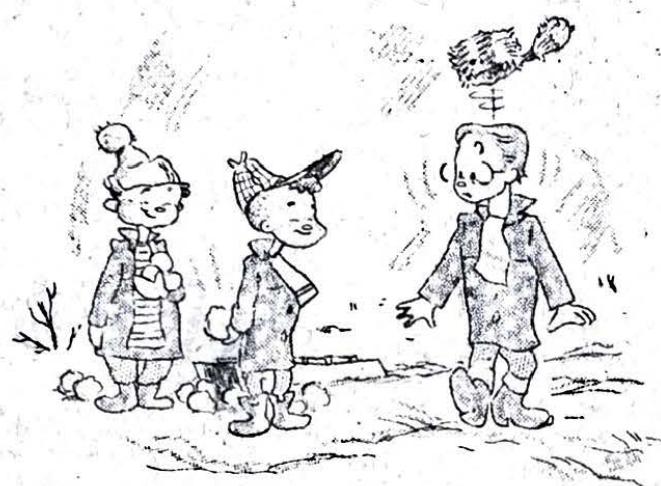
32nd annual dog show she again placed first.

In answer to the Army's call for 125,000 dogs for the dogs for defense program, Kawahara sent in a request to have Judy of Amortal accepted for service.

In a letter to the Sentinel sports editor, A. J. "Gus" Richter, president of the Santa Clara Valley Field Trial association, wrote of Kawahara: "He is a pioneer of this association, one who has given of his time and effort without reserve to make our propagation of game birds in California a success -- one who has also given the assistance to stage a very successful trial during 1942...he is widely known throughout California for his success as a sportsman and is a great lover of good dogs... he is a fine American."

LIL DAN'L

by Geo. Akimoto



SMOKE SIGNALS

exchange

GRANADA.....

Charter for center government ratified by an overwhelming majority..... Residents asked to speak English amongst themselves when out shopping in outlying towns..... Immunization program against small pox started.

PACIFIC CITIZEN.....

Chinese American defends loyalty of Japanese Americans in a letter printed in the Sacramento Bee..... "Sen. Wallingren introduces bill to transfer evacuee centers back under Army jurisdiction." Action on proposal to be withheld until after investigation of camps..... A bill to prevent Japanese Americans from ever owning land in Arkansas was passed by the State Senate 30-1.

HEART MOUNTAIN.....

"Planning Board delays approval on livestock project location. Odor and noise declared a nuisance." Raisins to eat, not brew.... two mess workers were charged by the police department with using mess hall sugar, kitchen utensils and raisins to make home brew..... Project launched to paint murals on the celotex panels in all mess halls of the center..... Furniture stored in Federal Reserve bank warehouses in Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles have arrived at Heart Mountain.

GILA.....

Information division opinionnaire reveals that 36.9 per cent of questioned are willing to relocate in inland states.

54.1 per cent opposed; 9 per cent undecided.

NEW CANADIAN.....

Red Cross representative in Tokyo after visiting three prison camps, reported conditions "comparatively satisfactory," although some prisoners are suffering from tropical diseases.

EDITORIAL

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

From early October, a steady stream of evacuees poured from the West Coast into the two relocation centers in Rohwer and Jerome, Ark.

California's farmers, vineyardists, business men, doctors, lawyers and shopkeepers of Japanese ancestry were the principals in this wartime exodus.

Moving away from the only state that they knew and loved for the last thirty or forty years, we, who are residents of these two WRA communities, came to this southern state feeling confused about the events of the preceding few months and uncertain of the future.

Our fearful apprehension seemed in the early months to bear bitter fruits when several undesirable incidents occurred, but now, after a stay of over a quarter year, we find that over-all conditions here have been favorable.

We have left behind all of our Caucasian friends in the Golden Poppy state, but we have found new ones in and around this Center. With the famed show of the 'old southern hospitality,' people in McGehee and Monticello have accorded us fair treatment which is sincerely appreciated by all.

What is to be especially commended is the point that our surrounding neighbors have minimized the prejudice against 'outlanders' and though we were strangers to them, they have come to know and understand our attitudes and feelings.

This gesture of friendship and show of cordiality indicate that the South has not lost its greatest of all characteristics, 'The Southern Gentleman.'

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